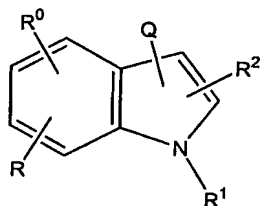


## CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I),



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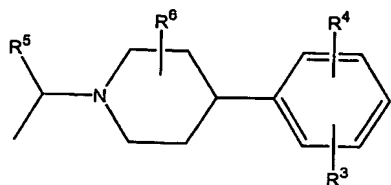
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

**R** and **R<sup>0</sup>** are each independently hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, perhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryl, cyano and, when R and R<sup>0</sup> are on adjacent carbon atoms, methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy;

**R<sup>1</sup>** is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>alkinyl, arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, heteroarylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, (C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl)alkyl, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, CO-aryl, SO<sub>2</sub>aryl, aryl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, where each aryl or heteroaryl can be substituted one or more times by halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryl or perhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

**R<sup>2</sup>** is C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, heteroarylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl where each aryl or heteroaryl can be substituted one or more times by halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryl or perhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

**Q** is a moiety of formula:



wherein:

$R^3$  and  $R^4$  are each independently hydrogen, halogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, perhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, hydroxy, amino,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylamino, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl;

$R^5$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, and

$R^6$  is hydrogen or hydroxymethyl.

2. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein R and  $R^0$  independently represent hydrogen, halogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy.
3. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 2, wherein R and  $R^0$  independently represent hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, methyl, methoxy.
4. A compound of formula (I) according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein  $R^1$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-6}$ alkenyl,  $C_{3-6}$ alkinyl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, ( $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl)alkyl, hydroxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, CO-aryl,  $SO_2$ -aryl.
5. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 4, wherein  $R^1$  is hydrogen, methyl, n-propyl, isopentyl, allyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, benzyl, fluorobenzyl, chlorobenzyl, bromobenzyl, methoxybenzyl, methylbenzyl, t-butylbenzyl, trifluoromethylbenzyl, diphenylmethyl, phenoxyethyl, 2-naphthylmethyl, benzoyl, benzenesulfonyl.
6. A compound of formula (I) according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein  $R^2$  is aryl, heteroaryl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxycarbonyl.

7. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 6, wherein  $R^2$  is phenyl, chlorophenyl, methoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl, 2-furyl, 2-thienyl, 2-pyridyl, benzyl, ethoxycarbonyl.

8. A compound of formula (I) according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently represent hydrogen, halogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, perhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy.

9. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 8, wherein  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently represent hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, bromine, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl.

10. A compound of formula (I) according to claims 1-9, wherein  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  represent hydrogen.

11. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, selected from:

3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
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3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-methyl-1H-indole  
2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-Phenyl-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
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2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-3-(4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole  
3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-1H-indole  
3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-1H-indole  
2-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole

2-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole  
3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-1H-indole  
3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-1H-indole  
2-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole  
2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
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3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1H-indole  
2-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-(4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole  
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2-Furan-2-yl-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-Furan-2-yl-3-(4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole  
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3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-indole  
2-Pyridin-2-yl-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
3-(4-Phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-indole  
3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-thiophen-2-yl-1H-indole  
3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-thiophen-2-yl-1H-indole  
2-Thiophen-2-yl-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
3-(4-Phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-thiophen-2-yl-1H-indole  
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2-Benzyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
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3-[4-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
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2-Phenyl-3-[4-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole

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3-[4-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
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2-Phenyl-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole  
3-[4-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
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3-[4-(2,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
3-[4-(2,6-Difluoro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
3-[4-(3-Bromo-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
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3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-methyl-1H-indole  
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*Trans*-[4-Phenyl-1-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-ylmethyl)-piperidin-3-yl]-methanol  
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3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-5-methoxy-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
7-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-6-phenyl-5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indole  
3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indol-5-ol  
7-Bromo-3-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-methyl-1H-indole;  
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3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-5-fluoro-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
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{3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indol-2-yl}-methanol

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1-Benzyl-3-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
1-Benzyl-3-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
1-Benzyl-5-chloro-3-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole  
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2-{3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-indol-1-yl}-ethanol  
3-{3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-indol-1-yl}-propan-1-ol  
2-{3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-5-methoxy-2-phenyl-indol-1-yl}-ethanol  
2-{5-Chloro-3-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-indol-1-yl}-ethanol

- 2-{7-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-6-phenyl-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indol-5-yl}-ethanol
- 2-{3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-5-fluoro-2-methyl-indol-1-yl}-ethanol
- 1-(4-*tert*-Butyl-benzyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(3-methyl-butyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-Cyclopropylmethyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(2-methyl-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-Cyclohexylmethyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(4-methyl-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(4-fluoro-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-(3-Chloro-benzyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 1-(2-Chloro-benzyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-(4-Chloro-benzyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-Allyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1-prop-2-ynyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(2-methoxy-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate

- 1-(4-Bromo-benzyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 1-Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(3-methyl-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(2-fluoro-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(3-fluoro-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1-(2-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 1-Benzenesulfonyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 1-Benzoyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-3-methyl-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-3-phenyl-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-3-methyl-1H-indole
- 3-Methyl-2-(4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole
- 3-Phenyl-2-(4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole



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2-[4-(3-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-[4-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
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5,6-Dichloro-2-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
5,6-Dichloro-2-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
1-Benzyl-2-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole  
2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-propyl-1H-indole  
2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-methyl-1H-indole  
2-(4-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1H-indole  
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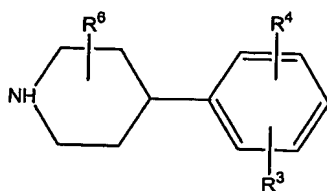
12. An enantiomer of a compound of formula (I) as described in any one of claims 1-11.

13. A mixture of enantiomers of a compound of formula (I) as described in claims 1-11, where an enantiomer is present in greater proportion than its antipod.

14. A compound of formula (I) as defined in claims 1-13, for use as active therapeutic substance.

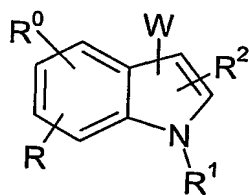
15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

16. A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) as defined in claims 1-13, comprising the step of reacting a compound of formula (III)



(III)

wherein  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^6$  are as defined as in formula (I) of claim 1, with a compound of formula (VII),



(VII)

wherein  $R$ ,  $R^0$ ,  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , are as defined as in formula (I) of claim 1 and  $W$  is hydrogen or a group capable of binding to the piperidinic nitrogen of said compound of formula (III).

17. A process according to claim 16 wherein the reaction between (VII) and (III) is a Mannich reaction, taking place in an organic solvent environment, in presence of a suitable aldehydic reagent and acetic acid.

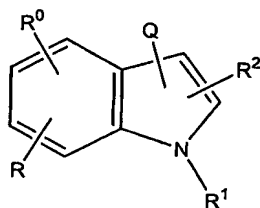
18. A process according to claim 16, wherein  $W$  is formyl, acyl or carboxyl, and the compound resulting from the reaction of (VII) with (III) is further treated with a reducing agent, thus obtaining said compound of formula (I), or the reaction of (VII) with (III) is a performed under reductive amination conditions, leading directly to said compound of formula (I).

19. A process according to claim 16, wherein  $R^1$  in formula (VII) is hydrogen, further comprising the step of treating said compound (VII) or a derivative thereof, with a reagent of formula  $R^1-X$  where  $R^1$  is defined as in claim 1 and  $X$  is a

suitable leaving group.

20. A process according to claim 19, where said reaction with  $R^1-X$  takes place in basic conditions, or under phase transfer conditions.

21. Use of a compound of formula (VI)



(VI)

wherein:

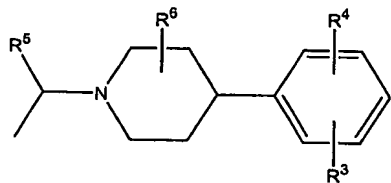
$R$  and  $R^0$  are each independently hydrogen, halogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, perhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, hydroxy, amino,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylamino, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl, cyano and, when  $R$  and  $R^0$  are on adjacent carbon atoms, methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy;

$R^1$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-6}$ alkenyl,  $C_{3-6}$ alkinyl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, heteroaryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, ( $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl)alkyl, amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryloxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, CO-aryl,  $SO_2$ aryl, aryl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, where each aryl or heteroaryl can be substituted one or more times by halogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxy, amino,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylamino, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl or perhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, heteroaryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylaminocarbonyl, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)aminocarbonyl where each aryl or heteroaryl can be substituted one or more times by halogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxy, amino,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylamino, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

$_6$ alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryl or perhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

**Q** is a moiety of formula:



wherein:

**R**<sup>3</sup> and **R**<sup>4</sup> are each independently hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, perhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryl;

**R**<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, and

**R**<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen or hydroxymethyl,

in the manufacture of a medicament for administration to a human or animal patient for modulating the activity of the ORL-1 receptors.

22. Use according to claim 21, wherein said drug is useful in the prophylaxis and treatment of illnesses dependent on modulation of the ORL-1 receptor.